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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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H. Michael WENZ	)	
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Application No.: 09/724,755	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
	)	
Filed: November 28, 2000	)	Examiner: J. Fredman
	)	
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING	)	Confirmation No. 8421
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS	)	
USING COUPLED LIGATION	)	
AND AMPLIFICATION	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 28, 2004

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